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Keeping it Clean Starts at Home

Clean water is a community effort. Although Marietta Water plays a leadership role in providing and protecting water resources, the participation of every citizen is necessary.

A preventive measure that is especially important in water-source protection is the proper maintenance of our wastewater collection system. The sanitary sewer mains in Marietta are gravity lines. They run from high to low elevations, often following creeks. Sanitary sewer blockages can result in back-ups, which can contaminate creeks that feed directly into our lakes and rivers.

Marietta Water uses the latest technological equipment to assist its staff in inspecting and cleaning wastewater collection mains. The Environmental Compliance Division within Marietta Water performs inspections to ensure that our system is protected. However, ultimately, everyone has a part in the water cycle.

How can you prevent wastewater blockages?

Never pour grease down the sink or garbage disposal. Grease builds up in pipes, like it builds up in the



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<Not the Tasty Kind of Spam>



Work from home earning millions of dollars while Microsoft pays your way to the Bahamas. Lose 30 pounds by dating a supermodel.

If you are familiar with e-mail spam, you're familiar with promises such as these that flood your inbox and waste your time. Spam is an uninvited message from a solicitor, and, just like other household pests, if you see one spam message, there's probably a lot more on their way.

Spam may seem like relatively harmless advertising, but its attacks are insidious. Many companies who eliminate spam from systems as large as Earthlink and AOL are reporting that spamming has tripled in the past nine months alone.

The Federal Trade Commission has information on recent legislation that punishes solicitors who do not honor "remove me" requests. However, there is still some debate over whether responding to a solicitor in order to be removed will help at all. It may in fact just broaden the amount of spammers who know you're out there.

The FTC offers these safeguards:

- ✓ Minimize or eliminate posting responses to newsgroups, chat rooms, or online membership directories.
- ✓ Enable e-mail filters, if you have them, such as junk mail filters and "block sender" services.
- ✓ Choose an e-mail address that is unusual so that you may avoid what the FTC calls "dictionary attacks."
- ✓ Report spam. You may report it to the FTC, uce@ftc.gov, and be sure to include a complete copy of the unwanted e-mail and also indicate whether a "remove



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CELEBRATE THE SOURCE DURING PUBLIC POWER WEEK AND CLEAN WATER WEEK 2002

From October 6 through 12, Marietta Power and Marietta Water will be celebrating Public Power Week and Clean Water Week. This joint celebration has become a tradition for the Marietta Board of Lights and Water. Marietta Power and Marietta Water provide the most essential utilities in the daily lives of our community.

Public Power Week celebrates the benefits of hometown electric utilities. Marietta Power has served the community since 1906. As a public power system, Marietta Power was created by the citizens and for the citizens to provide dependable power and quality customer service.

Clean Water Week is a time to recognize that the community plays a role in water-resource protection. Water is a vital component to life and has to be protected from municipalities

and sometimes even from individuals. During this year's Clean Water Week festivities, Marietta Water will focus on public education to protect our water sources.

Marietta Power and Marietta Water invite you to celebrate Public Power and Clean Water Week with us. Events for our celebration include: a poster contest with our adopted school, Park Street Elementary, informational displays at Marietta facilities, and refreshments for customers at the BLW Customer Service Center.

Marietta Water's responsibility is to provide the community with safe drinking water and to protect the resources where our water originates. Clean Water Week is a time to recognize that each person within the community also plays a role in water-resource protection. ⚡

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body's arteries, until eventually the pipe becomes completely blocked.

Only flush domestic waste and tissue paper down the toilet. Solid objects can cause backups in mains or wastewater pumping stations.

Never put anything in a manhole. Putting objects in manholes is considered vandalism and can cause extensive damage both to the wastewater collection system, as well as to the surrounding areas.

Marietta Water believes that environmental protection and preservation are vital to the future. Every single person affects the environment around him or her and, therefore, the future of our community. ⚡

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me" request was not honored. Report it to your own ISP, too.

- ✓ Refuse to buy into schemes. The FTC says marketers are simply using old-fashioned scams with brand-new technology. Treat promises of money-making ventures, chain letters, weight-loss claims, and product offers the same way you would treat a telemarketer or even door-to-door salesperson. ⚡



Calendar of Events

Sept. 21

Historic Marietta Antique Festival
Marietta Square
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(770) 794-5601

Oct. 2 - Nov. 10

"The Caretaker" by Harold Pinter
Theatre in the Square
(770) 422-8369

Oct. 3 - 5

Fall Home Show
Town Center at Kennesaw
(770) 424-0742

Oct. 4 - 20

Fine Arts Society of Kennesaw Fall Juried Art Exhibition
Kennesaw Community House,
Kennesaw
12 to 6 p.m. Fridays through
Sundays
(678) 290-9895

Oct. 5 and 6

Harvest Square Arts & Crafts Festival
Marietta Square
(770) 794-5601

Oct. 19 - 20

The Georgia Ballet presents "La Sylphide"
Anderson Theatre
8 p.m. Oct. 19; 3 p.m. Oct. 20
(770) 425-0258

Oct. 26

Halloween Costumes, Games, and Prizes
Marietta Square
(770) 794-5601

Oct. 30 - Nov. 17

"Red Herring" by Michael Hollinger
Theatre in the Square
(770) 422-8369